Installation of solar energy

3875. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal from Uttaranchal Government to install solar energy lights on the pilgrimage route of Hem Kunt (Uttaranchal);

(b) if so, the details of areas to be covered and how many lights are to come up;

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether Government will cover the entire stretch of Gobind Ghat-Gobind Dham-Hem Kunt route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) A proposal was received from the Uttaranchal Renewable Energy Development Agency, Uttaranchal for installation of 500 solar street lighting system for lighting of 19.5 km path from Gobind Ghat to Govind Dham and Hem Kunt. The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has sanctioned a project to the agency for installation of 500 solar street lighting systems on the proposed route by 30th June, 2006.

Supply of electricity in tribal areas

†3876. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced in supply of electricity in the tribal areas of Gujarat, Maharahtra and Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details of grants given to these States during 2005-06 for the supply of electricity in these States through non-conventional energy sources?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing Remote Village Electrification (RVE) programme for providing financial

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